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In re Application of

JAKOB NIELSEN

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For: LATENCY-REDUCING BANDWIDTH-PRIORITIZATION FOR NETWORK  
SERVERS AND CLIENTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Rule 53d Continuing Prosecution Application and is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action of September 27, 2000 and the Advisory Action of January 29, 2001.

Please amend the application prior to further prosecution as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3-7, 9-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--23. Computer apparatus for allocating communications bandwidth, comprising:

- a. a bus to which a plurality of user stations are connected;
- b. at least one communications interface connecting said bus to a server;